

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2005

Accepted October 6, 2005

Present: Donna Brescia, Vincent DeNovellis, Victoria Haase, Meg O'Brien, Jennifer Page, Ann Rittenburg, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon

Also Present: Delores Keefe

Absent: Sara Oaklander and Austin Bliss

1. Administrivia
 - Recorder – Paul Santos
 - Jennifer reviewed agenda
 - Minutes from 9/15 approved
2. Report on Advisory Committee of the Belmont/Lexington/Waltham Corridor Study.

Vince handed out a copy of an e-mail inviting him to attend the next meeting representing VIC, on Oct. 18. He said he would attend and then report back about the purpose, goals and scope of the Advisory Committee. The meeting is open to all.
3. Report on "No Place for Hate" forum, an event co-sponsored by VIC

Donna, Sara, Paul Solomon, and Jennifer attended. Room was full. Our co-sponsorship was appropriate. Difference between hate crimes and hate incidents clarified. Question about whether the messages at the forum were getting to students: follow-up with schools/School Committee via Ann.
4. Co-Sponsoring events:
 - 4.1 Revision of criteria for co-sponsorship

Jennifer introduced her draft. We agreed to consider coming up with "standard questions" to ask prior to deciding about co-sponsorship (such as understanding the goals of the event), once we get some more experience. We discussed "sponsor" vs. "support" and agreed that the draft addresses only "sponsor" for now. We voted to approve the document as amended by re-ordering the sections (process-criteria-advantages).
 - 4.2 Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast co-sponsorship

Event is January 16 at 8:30 AM. Members of VIC could help with the planning committee, but more importantly in setting up and cleaning up at the event. We voted unanimously to approve our co-sponsorship of the MLK breakfast.
 - 4.3 Sustainable Belmont (SB) Oct 18 Forum co-sponsorship

Even though SB is technically a part of VIC for administrative purposes, it provides SB more visibility if VIC explicitly co-sponsors their events. We voted unanimously to approve our co-sponsorship of the October 18 Forum.

We will revisit the topic of goals and processes for establishing and then supporting entities like Sustainable Belmont.

5. **Meet Belmont Business Coupons**
Jennifer explained the origins and current problems with the business coupons for Meet Belmont. We agreed that ideally there should be some way to involve the retail business community in Meet Belmont activities, although in its present form such involvement is very labor-intensive. Additional ideas are welcome.
6. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6. Vote to adjourn at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Santos,
Secretary Pro Tem